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Tropical Cyclone Marcus

The below statement to be attributed to the Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins.

Following Tropical Cyclone Marcus, the priority remains to restore the power and essential services to all Territorian homes who are still without power.

It is important life resumes to normal as soon as possible, and again, I thank all essential services and frontline workers, including volunteers who are helping with the clean-up.

Incidents such as this do raise questions about the undergrounding of power lines, which should be a serious consideration for the government after the recovery and relief phase (of Cyclone Marcus) is complete.

Weather conditions such as those experienced on the weekend are typical of life in the tropics, and as a result, an accelerated program of undergrounding powerlines should be explored as a priority.

The Opposition would expect a comprehensive post-emergency review would take place, ensuring the safety of all Territorians is at the forefront.

It is extremely disappointing to hear reports of looting, whereby some people have taken advantage of fellow vulnerable Territorians.

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